

REDACTED VERSION

August 21, 1998

Mr. Robert E. Billiot, Mayor
City of Westwego
419 Avenue A
Westwego, Louisiana 70094

Re: Westbank Asbestos Removal Project
(b) (6) Plumbing Repair

Dear Mr. Billiot:

In response to your letter dated August 17, 1998 to Mr. John Martin of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regarding the repair of the sewer line at (b) (6), I would like to inform you of the sequence of events which occurred.

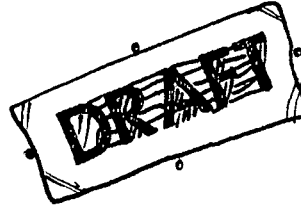
The asbestos containing material (ACM) was removed from the subject property during the period of May 27 through June 1, 1998. Extreme care was taken during this period to avoid the pipes present in the area of the removal.

The restoration of the property was begun on June 11, 1998. At that time, it was discovered that there was a problem with the sewer line. The problem was inspected in the field by the IT Site Supervisor and Field Foreman. After further review of the site video and consulting with the removal supervisor, it was determined that the problem was due to a pre-existing condition prior to the removal work taking place.

Approximately a week later, the property owner contacted the IT Site Supervisor to inquire about the repair of the line. The property owner was told of our position on the matter and was requested to have a plumber expose the sewer line to further check into the problem and inform IT when it was open so we could inspect the damage. If the damage was determined at that time to be caused by our removal activities, we would reimburse the owner for the cost of the repair. Unfortunately, IT was not informed when the plumber was onsite and the line was repaired and backfilled prior to anyone from IT or the USEPA inspecting the alleged damage. IT was informed that the repair was completed and that restoration could begin on approximately July 14, 1998. The restoration of the property was completed on July 17, 1998.

- once open, owner ask about the repair work if done by us,
which we DID NOT

- video shows pre-existing
holes in pipe
exposed



Project # 768209

- 2 1/2' wide
alley way
- many, many pipes
& holes
- uncovered very bad
plumbing w/ duct tape
- several problems
- Rudy knows terent
- hand job only
- duplex, big house
sub-divided
into
smaller
units

If the property owner can provide further evidence that the ACM removal activities were the cause of this problem, the payment of the plumber's invoice by IT/USEPA may be considered.

Please contact me should you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
IT CORPORATION

Thomas P. Mathison
Project Manager

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